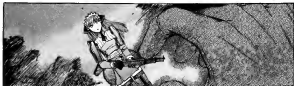




Chapter 10: Mom and Dad



Mother.



CAN YOU
GET UP,
ALICIA?



BUT I
GUESS THAT
WOULD BE
ASKING FOR
TOO MUCH.

WE'RE
ALREADY
LUCKY
ENOUGH
TO FIND
THIS PLACE
TO HIDE
OUT IN.



I COULDN'T
FIND ANY FOOD
OR MEDICINE
ANYWHERE IN
THIS VILLAGE.

NOT EVEN
A SINGLE
LOAF OF
BREAD.



THAT
MAN BACK
THERE...

WAS
CALLING
FOR HIS
MOTHER
WITH HIS
VERY LAST
BREATH...



WE SHOULD
GIVE HIM A
PROPER BURIAL
BEFORE
WE LEAVE
TOMORROW.





I FOUND
SOME
HERBS THAT
WILL HELP
YOUR FOOT
HEAL...

LET
ME SEE
YOUR
LEG.

BUT FIRST
WE NEED TO
TAKE CARE
OF YOUR
WOUNDS.



WITH THE
RIGHT DOSSAGE,
THEY CAN
STOP BLEEDING
AND STERILIZE
WOUNDS. BUT...



THESE ARE
ACHILLEA
PLANTS...

THEY'RE
REALLY HARD
TO USE
CORRECTLY

HARD
TO UNDER
STAND?



I JUST
HAVE TO PUT
THAT FLOWER
ON THE GUY,
RIGHT?

I-I CAN
DO IT
MYSELF!

EH?



IF WE DON'T
DO IT RIGHT,
THE BODY WILL
REJECT THE
TREATMENT AND
YOU'LL BLEED
EVEN MORE.

.....



NO,
MY FATHER
TAUGHT ME
HOW TO USE
ACHILLEA...

DID THEY
TEACH
YOU ABOUT
USING HERBS
AT YOUR
SCHOOL?

SOLDIERS
USED
TO BRING
ACHILLEA
WITH THEM
TO BATTLE.



JUST...
KEEP
YOUR EYES
ON THE
WOUND...

WHERE
ELSE
WOULD
I...



YES,
AMONG
OTHER
THINGS.

GENERAL
SEATHER
TOLD YOU
THOSE
THINGS?

NOTHING!
JUST...



THE
GENERAL
COLLECTED
BUGS?

I JUST
CAN'T PICTURE
HIM BEING
THAT WAY
WITH HIS
BRIEFLY
SHAVED
BEARD AND
GREEN FACE...

HE
SURE DID
LOOK LIKE
A TRUE
SOLDIER.



WHEN WE
HAD FREE TIME,
WE'D GO TO A
RIVER AND SWIM
OR GO AROUND
CATCHING BUGS...

HE TAUGHT
ME A LOT
OF USEFUL
THINGS.



YOUR
MOTHER?

BUT BACK
AT HOME, HE
WAS LIKE
ANY OTHER
NORMAL
FATHER...
ESPECIALLY
AROUND MY
MOTHER...



HE WAS ABLE
TO PROTECT
HUNDREDS OF
PEOPLE AND AN
ENTIRE COUNTRY,
BUT HE COULDN'T
EVEN PROTECT
SOMEONE
IMPORTANT
TO HIM.

MY
FATHER
WAS
CRUSHED
EMOTION-
ALLY...



SHE
DIED AS A
CASUALTY
OF WAR...



HE
REGRETTED
SO MUCH...



THAT
HE COULDN'T
PROTECT
THE LOVE OF
HIS LIFE.





I'M
PUTTING
THE HERBS
ON NOW...

OKAY...

IT'S
GOING TO
STING A
LITTLE.



YOU'RE
SO MUCH
LIKE YOUR
FATHER.



DO
PEOPLE
NOT TELL
YOU THAT
A LOT?

REALLY?
I KNOW
I GOT MY
EYES AND
HAIR FROM
HIM, BUT...



I'M
SERIOUS.
YOU'RE
EXACTLY
LIKE HIM.

YOU'RE
GENTLE JUST
LIKE HE WAS,
AND YOU LOVE
NATURE JUST
LIKE HE DID.



NO,
PROBABLY
BECAUSE I'M
NOT AS STRONG
OR NERVOUS
AS HE WAS.

I DON'T
THINK
THAT'S
TRUE.



YOU
ARE VERY
COOL!

DEFINITELY AS
COOL AS YOUR
FATHER, IF
NOT COOLER!



TH...
THANKS...

OHAY, SO
UH, YOUR
FOOT'S ALL
BANDAGED
UP AND UH...

ALL YOU
NEED NOW
IS SOME
REST!

W-WHAT?
W-WHAT WE
JUST TALKED
ABOUT,
I... UH...





...YEAH,
BUT...

BUT YOU'RE
FEELING
DIZZY AND
HAVE A
HIGH FEVER.



NO! YOU
NEED TO
REST FIRST!

YOU
MUST BE
TIRED FROM
KEEPING
WATCH!



WAIT...
REST?



I'M SORRY
HELPER,
I'M SUCH
A BURDEN
ON YOU...

I'M GOING TO
TAKE ANOTHER
LOOK AROUND
THE AREA...

I MIGHT
BE ABLE TO
FIND SOME
HERBS TO
BRING DOWN
YOUR FEVER.



YOUR HAIR
IS SUCH A
PRETTY SHADE
OF BROWN,
LIKE A DEER
OR A PUPPY.

DID YOU
GET THAT
FROM YOUR
MOTHER OR
FATHER?



DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
IT!

SAY,
ALICIA...



WHO DID YOU
GET YOUR
EYES AND
HAIR COLOR
FROM?





Other
than
that...

I just hope
her fever
doesn't get
worse before
I get back...



I guess the
Area thing to
do is locate
some herbs
to fight off
infection.



I'm not
sure where
you put your
eyes and hair
color, now.

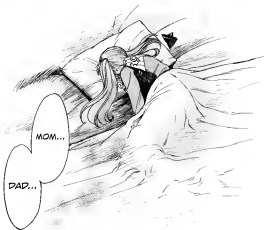
My Mother?
My Father?
I don't
know who...



Weird...

Back in the
Carnous Room,
I just screamed
"Ah!" and my wound
broke right up...

But why
don't it
heal this
time?





THIS IS
ALL WE
HAVE ON THE
VALKYRIAN?



"RESEARCH
ON THE
VALKYRIAN
PEOPLE"

"A LOOK
AT VALKYRIA
FROM
HUMANITY'S
POINT OF
VIEW"



WELL, DO YOU
BELIEVE IN THE
VALKYRIAN?



GOOD LORD,
WHY WOULD A
DANGER PARTY
WIELD POLICE
IN YOUR
PEOPLE ARE
BEING SWAYED
OUT TO MARCH

IT WAS HELP
BY PRINCESS
CORNELIA, OUR
YOUNG RULER
OF GALLIA.

THERE
WAS A BIG
DINNER PARTY
A FEW DAYS
AGO AT THE
CASTLE..



THE GUEST OF
HONOR WAS
A FEDERAL
AMBASSADOR.



TELL ME,
ELLET...

DO YOU THINK
THE WAR WILL
END WITH
GALLIA'S
DEFEAT?



BORG
TAKES CARE
OF THE
POLITICS.

AS YOU
KNOW, THE
PRINCESS
IS ONLY
15 YEARS
OLD...

THAT NIGHT,
BORG SAID
THIS IN HIS
SPEECH...

AND
TAKE ALL OF
EUROPA IN THE
NAME OF GALLIA
AND THE
FEDERATION!"

"WE COULD
DEFEAT THE
EMPIRE...

"GALLIA AND
THE FEDERATION
MUST UNITE! WITH
OUR COMBINED
MIGHT, WE WON'T
HAVE TO FEAR
THE EMPIRE!"



IS THERE
REALLY NO
OTHER WAY
FOR GALLIA
TO SURVIVE?

THAT'S NOT
HOW THE
HIGHER UPS
SEE THINGS.



GALLIA IS
SUPPOSED TO
STRIKE FOR
NEUTRALITY!



THERE'S
NO REASON
FOR GALLIA
TO INVADE
ANOTHER
COUNTRY
AND FIGHT!



AND NOW THE
EMPIRE HAS A
VALIANT.

GALLIA NEVER
WANTED THIS WAR.
SHE JUST GOT
CAUGHT UP IN
THE CROSSFIRE
BETWEEN THE
EMPIRE AND THE
FEDERATION.



THEY
THINK THEY'RE
STILL BEING
PROTECTED BY
THE VALKYRIA!

THE PEOPLE
OF GALLIA STILL
BELIEVE IN THE
VALKYRIA.



RIGHT NOW,
THE GREAT
HEROES OF OLD
ARE ON THE
EMPIRE'S SIDE.

EVEN I
CAN SEE
THE IRONY
OF THE
SITUATION.



EXACTLY!

THERE'S
THE
PROBLEM

THE RANDORF
FAMILY THAT RULES
GALLIA IS ALSO
SAID TO BE
DESCENDANTS OF
THE VALKYRIA,
RIGHT?



HE'S
JUST USING
THE VALKYRIA
NAME TO
CONTROL ALL
OF GALLIA.

WELL,
BORN IS
JUST CAUSING
A SCENE AS
USUAL.



YOU'RE
SAYING WE
SHOULD
SEND THE
PRINCESS
OFF TO WART?

PRINCESS
CORDELIA IS
THE HEAD OF
THE RANDORF
FAMILY THAT
INHERITED THE
BLOOD OF THE
VALKYRIA...

IF THE LEGENDS
ARE TRUE THEN
THE VALKYRIA
SHOULD BE ON
GALLIA'S SIDE!



BUT WHAT
WOULD HAPPEN
IF SOMEONE
BLESS WITH
VALKYRIAN BLOOD
SHOWED UP



YEAH.

THERE ARE
THE PICTURES I
TOOK WHEN I
WENT TO THOSE
BLUES IN THE
DESERT

IS
THAT THE
TEMPLE?



I FINISHED
TRANSLATING
THE INSCRIPTIONS
ON THAT DOOR
IN THE BARBIC
TEMPLE.





THE ONES
RESPONSIBLE
FOR ALL THAT
DESTRUCTION
WERE...

THE
LEGENDARY
VALKYRIA



THE ONES
THAT BURNED
ALL OF THAT
DOWN WERE NOT
THE DARCSEN...



ONCE UPON A TIME,
BARBOS WAS A
THRIVING DARCSEN
TOWN SURROUNDED
BY GREENERY.



IT'S
ALWAYS THE
BOOKS THAT
GET TO TELL
THE TALE.



THEY
REWROTE
THE HISTORY
BOOKS?



ALBET EXTREMELY FEW...

AND THEY GO THEIR ENTIRE LIVES NOT EVEN KNOWING THEY DO...



THERE ARE MORE PEOPLE IN EUROPE THAT POSSESS THE BLOOD OF THE VALKYRIA.

THE TIDE OF WAR WOULD CERTAINLY CHANGE ..



IF THE WHOLE WORLD FINDS OUT ABOUT THIS THERE WOULD BE CHAOS EVERYWHERE

JUSTICE AND MORAL VALUES WOULD BE TOTALLY FLIPPED! THIS IS THE BIGGEST SCOOP IN HISTORY.



AWAKEN?
HOW?

HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO HISTORY, IT IS EXTREMELY RARE FOR A VALKYRIA'S POWER TO AWAKEN.



IT SEEMS TO HAPPEN WHENEVER ONE RECEIVES A WOUND SO SEVERE THAT THEIR LIFE IS IN JEOPARDY.

I'M NOT 100% POSITIVE, BUT...



THAT'S PROBABLY ONE OF THE CONDITIONS FOR THE VALKYRIA'S POWER TO BE FULLY AWAKENED.



NO, WE
SHOULD NEVER
DO SUCH
A THING!!

THE VALKYRIAS
POWER IS THE
POWER ONE GETS
WHEN THEY ARE
ONE BREATH AWAY
FROM DEATH.



I JUST
CANNOT ALLOW
SUCH A THING
TO HAPPEN!

ANYONE IF YOU
BELIEVE YOU,
ARE A VALKYRIA.
BUT...



WE
CAN'T JUST
GO AROUND
TESTING FOR
VALKYRIAS
AND END
UP KILLING
THOUSANDS
OF INNOCENT
CHILDREN

WHAT?!

AND EVEN
IF THEY WERE
VALKYRIAS,
THERE IS NO
GUARANTEE THAT
IT WOULD WORK.
AND WE'D JUST
END UP RUINING
ANOTHER LIFE



IF WE
COULD JUST
FIND A WAY
TO HARNESS
THAT POWER...



IF WE
HAD THE
POWER OF
THE VALKYRIA,
WE COULD
SAVE THE
WORLD!!



YOU NEED TO
TAKE A BREAK
FROM THE
BATTLEFIELD.

OR YOU'LL
LOSE
YOURSELF TO
THE SCENT
OF BLOOD.



THANK
YOU FOR THE
BIG STORY,
LIEUTENANT
LANDAAT.

BUT I'M
NOT GOING
LET THE WORLD
END OUT
ABOUT THIS!
IT LEAST NOT
FOR NOW!



THE AIR OF
GALLIA ALREADY
SMELLS LIKE
BLOOD TO ME.



It really was a Valkyrie...

It is a power that can save Gallia.

It is a power to be feared.



But what if I wasn't a Valkyrie?

Would I stab my own heart?

Would I spill my Valkyrian blood to save the country?



It'd be nothing but an incredibly wasted death.



MUST HAVE GOTTEN CAUGHT IN BETWEEN ALL THE OTHER DOCUMENTS.

...I NEVER SAW THIS PICTURE BEFORE...



The power of the Valkyrie.

The godly power to engulf the world in eternal flame.





LET'S
EXPLORE IT,
PALRO!

MAYBE WE
CAN LEARN
SOMETHING
ABOUT THE
VALKYRIE!



GEE?

IT'S
OPEN!



Can it
be that
she's a—

Alicia...







DOES... DOES YOUR FOOT STILL HURT?

JUST A LITTLE...



AS WELL AS THE SMELL OF TOBACCO... ALL THE MERCHANTS ALWAYS SMOKE...

AND THE AROMA OF THE TEA EVERYONE DRANK...



THE WAY JUST THE SMELL OF THE EARTH...

IT SMELLED LIKE HOME... ALWAYS DID...



NO, IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT! IT'S MINE FOR TRYING TO HELP BY INTERVUE IN THE FIRST PLACE!

YOU DID NOTHING WRONG, WELKIN.



I USED UP ALL THE RAGNARD WITHOUT THINKING...

AND YOU USED THE RAGNARD ON SOMEONE WHO NEEDED IT MORE THAN I DID...

YOU DID THE RIGHT THING, WELKIN.



I'M SORRY...

IT'S MY FAULT.





THAT
LOOK ON HIS
FACE HAS
THE BREATH
LEFT HIS
LIPS...

IT WASN'T
OF PAIN...



NO,
YOU DID,
YOU HELPED
THAT MAN'S
HAND.

YOU SAVED
HIM IN THE
WAY ONLY
YOU COULD.





BEING
HELPFUL
TOWARDS
OTHERS...

DOING
SOMETHING
FOR SOMEONE
ELSE...



I ALWAYS
HAD TO
BEHAVE AND
BE A GOOD
LITTLE GIRL...



BACK IN
THE HOUSE
I GROW
UP IN...



ONLY
THEN WOULD
THEY PUT
ON A SMILE
FOR ME...

WHEN I DID
THOSE THINGS,
ONLY THEN
WOULD THEY CALL
MY NAME, PUT
ME ON THE BOARD,
AND TELL ME
I DID A GOOD
JOB...



THAT BECAME
SO... SO
NATURAL... SO
REFLEXIVE...



SO I
ALWAYS
HELPED THE
CHILDREN
AROUND
ME...



I WANTED
THEM TO
GIVE MY
NAME...

I WANTED
TO SMILE
WHEN
THEY LOOKED
AT MY FACE...



I REALLY DON'T
KNOW...

WHO I
GOT MY EYE
AND HAIR
COLOR FROM.



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STORY FOR
ANOTHER
TIME..

RIGHT NOW,
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GET SOME
REST.



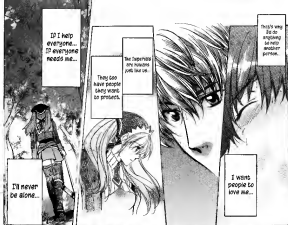
I'M AN
ORPHAN...

I DON'T
HAVE A
MOTHER OR
FATHER.













ARE
YOU
SURE?

YEAH.



I CAN'T
FALL ASLEEP
ANYWAY.



SHALL I
TAKE OVER
FOR LOOK
OUT?





At this
rate...

If we can't
reconcile
with the
problem
tomorrow...



What
happens
if the
medicine
doesn't
work?







The Blue
Flames...

Of a
Valkyria...

